

By Whom Are We Sealed?

4)And the LORD said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof.

5)And to the others he said in mine hearing, Go ye after him through the city, and smite: let not your eye spare, neither have ye pity:

6)Slay utterly old and young, both maids, and little children, and women: but come not near any man upon whom is the mark; and begin at my sanctuary. Then they began at the ancient men which were before the house. (Ezekiel 9)

and

*2)And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea,
3)Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.*

and

10)And he said unto me: Behold there are save two churches only; the one is the church of the Lamb of God, and the other is the church of the devil; wherefore, whoso belongeth not to the church of the Lamb of God belongeth to that great church, which is the mother of abominations; and she is the whore of all the earth. 1 Nephi 14)

Is there a trust in the arm of flesh to allow mortal men the supposed ability to seal people? Do people seriously think they are sealed to Christ because some man performed an ordinance: the so-called second washing and anointing? Do women feel like queens and priestesses because they have washed their husband's feet after he was ordained a king and priest? Did the Nephites experience the Second Comforter when Christ visited them because they had some theoretical ordinance performed by men in an abandoned Bountiful temple; or because they yielded their hearts to God with real intent?